



**PATENT**  
**Customer No. 22,852**  
**Attorney Docket No. 06028.0027-00**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	) Group Art Unit: 1751
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François COTTARD et al.	) Examiner: E. Elhilo
	)
Application No.: 10/688,970	) Confirmation No.: 4185
	)
Filed: October 21, 2003	) Notice of Allowance Dated
	) September 19, 2007
For: OXIDATION DYEING COMPOSITION	)
FOR KERATIN FIBERS COMPRISING A	)
CATIONIC POLY(VINYLLACTAM) AND	)
AT LEAST ONE C <sub>10</sub> -C <sub>14</sub> FATTY	)
ALCOHOL, METHODS AND DEVICES	)
FOR OXIDATION DYEING	)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability and Statement of Reasons for Allowance dated September 19, 2007. Without withdrawing the claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments to clarify the scope of the present claims.

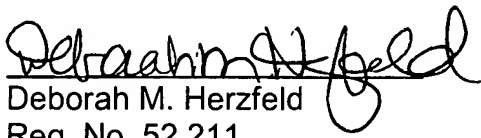
Applicants agree with the Examiner's statement that "the inventive composition (A) provides a significantly better viscosity (124.4 cps) and lesser selectivity ( $\Delta E = 6.79$ ) (higher color quality) than the composition of the prior art that shows lesser viscosity (50

cps) and higher selectivity ( $\Delta E = 10.36$ ) (poor color quality)." Notice of Allowability and Statement of Reasons for Allowance at page 2.

Applicants also agree with the Examiner's statement that "the claimed subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art of keratin fibers oxidation dyeing formulation." *Id.* at page 3. However, Applicants would like to clarify that "the claimed subject matter as a whole" encompasses not only the compositions as discussed in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, but also encompasses processes and kits as claimed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter these comments and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,  
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